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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES FOR THE
SEPTEMBER SPECIAL SESSION, 2020.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

- 1 That the joint rules of this Special Session shall be the same as the joint
- 2 rules in force at the 2020 regular session, except as said rules are
- 3 amended, altered or repealed in this resolution.

- 4 Strike out Rules 3, 4, 5 and 6.

- 5 Strike out Rule 7 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

- 6 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS GENERALLY**

- 7 7. (a) Only bills and substantive resolutions enacting legislation as
- 8 specified in the nine-page Proclamation by the Governor, dated
- 9 September 25, 2020, convening the General Assembly in Special Session
- 10 no earlier than September 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., shall be received.

11 (b) The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall prepare all bills and
12 resolutions. When a bill or resolution has been prepared by the
13 Legislative Commissioners' Office and signed by the Speaker and
14 President Pro Tempore, the bill or resolution shall immediately be given
15 to the clerk of the Senate or the House as designated. Before or at the
16 time the bill or resolution is given to the clerk, the Legislative
17 Commissioners' Office shall provide to the Office of Fiscal Analysis
18 copies of each bill or resolution to prepare a fiscal note if required by
19 Rule 15 of the joint rules.

20 (c) Each bill and resolution shall be printed, without interlineation or
21 erasure. The duplicate copies of each bill or resolution shall be made on
22 yellow-colored and blue-colored paper, respectively, of the same size
23 and format as the original.

24 (d) Each bill amending any statute or special act shall set forth in full
25 the section or subsection of the statute or the special act to be amended.
26 Matter to be omitted or repealed shall be surrounded by brackets or
27 overstricken so that the omitted or repealed matter remains readable,
28 and new matter shall be indicated by capitalization or underscoring of
29 all words in the original bill and by capitalization, underscoring or
30 italics in its printed form. In the case of a section or subsection not
31 amending an existing section of the general statutes but intended to be
32 part of the general statutes, the section or subsection may be in upper
33 and lower case letters preceded by the word (NEW).

34 (e) Each bill and resolution shall be transmitted, in triplicate, by the
35 Legislative Commissioners' Office to the clerks of the House or Senate.

36 (f) The clerks shall number each bill and resolution.

37 (g) The clerks shall certify and keep on file a duplicate copy of each
38 bill and resolution. The certified duplicate copy shall remain at all times
39 in the clerk's office. If the original cannot be located, a copy of such
40 certified duplicate copy shall be made by the clerk and used in lieu of
41 the original.

42 (h) The clerk shall make a notation on the certified duplicate copy of
43 all action taken on the original.

44 (i) Any member of the General Assembly may co-sponsor a bill or
45 resolution by making a request in writing after it has been filed, to the
46 clerk of the chamber in which the bill or resolution has been filed to add
47 his or her name as a co-sponsor of the bill or resolution, but not later
48 than the date of the signing of the bill, or the deadline for the signing of
49 the bill, by the Governor, whichever is earlier, or the adoption of the
50 resolution.

51 (j) After introduction no bill or resolution shall be altered except by
52 the legislative commissioners.

53 Strike out Rule 8.

54 Strike out Rule 9 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

55 EMERGENCY CERTIFIED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

56 9. Only bills and substantive resolutions certified by the Speaker and
57 President Pro Tempore in accordance with section 2-26 of the general
58 statutes may be introduced. Bills and resolutions so certified by the
59 Speaker and the President Pro Tempore shall be identified as "bills" or
60 "resolutions".

61 Strike out Rules 10, 11 and 13.

62 Strike out Rule 14 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

63 TRANSMITTAL BETWEEN HOUSES

64 14. Upon passage in the first house, the bill or resolution shall be
65 transmitted immediately to the second house, except that, during a
66 declaration of a public health or civil preparedness emergency by the
67 Governor, the bill or resolution may be transmitted at a later time on
68 request of the second house.

69 Strike out Rule 15 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

70 15. Any bill or substantive resolution which if passed or adopted,
71 would affect state or municipal revenue, or would require the
72 expenditure of state or municipal funds, shall have a fiscal note
73 attached. Any fiscal note printed with or prepared for a bill or resolution
74 shall be solely for the purpose of information, summarization and
75 explanation for members of the General Assembly and shall not be
76 construed to represent the intent of the General Assembly or either
77 chamber thereof for any purpose. Each such fiscal note shall bear the
78 following disclaimer: "The following Fiscal Impact Statement is
79 prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely
80 for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and does
81 not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber
82 thereof for any purpose." When an amendment is offered to a bill or
83 resolution in the House or the Senate, which, if adopted, would require
84 the expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect state or municipal
85 revenue, a fiscal note shall be available at the time the amendment is
86 offered. Any fiscal note prepared for such an amendment shall be
87 construed in accordance with the provisions of this rule and shall bear
88 the disclaimer required under this rule.

89 Strike out Rule 16 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

90 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS - READINGS**

91 16. First reading of a bill or resolution shall be by title and number.
92 Second reading shall be passage or rejection of the bill or resolution.

93 Strike out Rule 17 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

94 17. (a) Each bill or substantive resolution may be acted upon
95 immediately. No bill or substantive resolution may be acted upon unless
96 it is accompanied by a fiscal note.

97 (b) Each bill and substantive resolution shall be voted upon by a roll
98 call vote. A bill or resolution, certified in accordance with section 2-26 of

99 the general statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and
100 acted upon first by the Senate with the consent of the Speaker; and if
101 filed in the Senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the
102 House with the consent of the President Pro Tempore.

103 Strike out Rules 18, 19 and 20.

104 Strike out Rule 28 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

105 28. (a) If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity
106 in or about the State Capitol or the Legislative Office Building or the
107 grounds thereof which, in the opinion of the President Pro Tempore and
108 the Speaker, may impede the orderly transaction of the business of the
109 General Assembly or any of its committees, they may take whatever
110 action they deem necessary to preserve and restore order.

111 (b) During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness
112 emergency by the Governor, which, in the opinion of the President Pro
113 Tempore and the Speaker, may impede the orderly transaction of the
114 business of the General Assembly or any of its committees, they may
115 take whatever action they deem necessary to preserve public health and
116 maintain order. Such action may include prohibiting access to the Hall
117 of the House, the Senate, or the State Capitol or Legislative Office
118 Building, except for the members, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
119 Secretary of the State, authorized staff of the legislative, executive and
120 judicial departments, authorized telecommunications personnel and
121 authorized or credentialed members of the media.

122 Strike out Rule 30 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

123 30. (a) *Smoking*. No person shall smoke in the State Capitol or
124 Legislative Office Building.

125 (b) *Nonpartisan Offices*. Lobbyists shall be prohibited from the
126 Legislative Commissioners' Office, the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the
127 Office of Legislative Research.

128 Strike out Rules 31, 32 and 34.